



## State Energy Office – American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

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### **DNR To Assist Prospective RESNET Certified Home Energy Raters**

***Note:** All AARA Enhanced HERO Programs of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources require RESNET Certified Home Energy Rater verification procedures.*

In an effort to further encourage qualified individuals to participate in this business opportunity, DNR is planning to assist trainees in paying a major portion of their training costs and is currently submitting a request to the U.S. DOE to utilize ARRA funds as reimbursement for these training costs.

#### **DNR Policy on Reimbursement for RESNET Training**

Upon completion of all Home Energy Rater and HERO Rater certification requirements, the LADNR will reimburse 60% of the training costs associated with becoming certified under RESNET up to a maximum of \$1,000 per student for up to the first 100 students that successfully complete a fully accredited RESNET training course (including the required supervised ratings).

After successful completion of the course, new RESNET certified Home Energy Raters will be required to submit the following documentation to LADNR.

- Course Training Tuition receipt
- Certification of Completion from Accredited RESNET Trainer  
(including passing RESNET exam and completing required supervised ratings)
- Successful Completion of HERO Training Ratings  
(included in RESNET courses taught within Louisiana)
- Passing of HERO Program Test  
(administered by DNR)

Due to the high startup costs associated with becoming certified as a Home Energy Rater under RESNET and the need for more Home Energy Raters actively working in the enhanced HERO Program the LDNR will provide a partial reimbursement toward the purchase of mechanical testing equipment for those individuals who obtain full certification under RESNET and the HERO Program, and go on to work under the HERO Program.

#### **DNR Policy on Reimbursement for Testing Equipment**

Upon completion of all Home Energy Rater RESNET and HERO Rater certification requirements, DNR will reimburse 50% of the costs associated with mechanical testing equipment needed to conduct home energy ratings for up to a maximum of \$5,000 per student for the first 100 students that successfully complete a fully accredited RESNET training course, obtain RESNET Home Energy Rater certification and successfully conduct 10 HERO Home Energy Ratings. This reimbursement applies only for as long as the money remains available.

To receive DNR reimbursement will require the following:

- Equipment receipts
- Equipment Make, Model, and Serial Numbers
- Certification of Completion for RESNET Training
- RESNET Home Energy Rater Certification Certificate
- Successful Completion of ten HERO Program Ratings

The 50% reimbursement can be applied toward the following equipment purchases:

- (1) Blower Door
- (2) Digital Pressure Gauges
- (1) Visible Light Transmittance Meter
- (1) Duct Blaster
- (1) Pressure Pan Assembly
- (1) CO<sub>x</sub> Meter
- (1) Thermal Camera

Information on LADNR's HERO and ARRA-program programs can be found at the LADNR website [www.dnr.state.la.us](http://www.dnr.state.la.us). Information on RESNET can be found at [www.natresnet.us](http://www.natresnet.us).

Information on applying to DNR for training and equipment reimbursements will be provide at the upcoming RESNET training detailed at [www.homeenergyratertraining.com](http://www.homeenergyratertraining.com)